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Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?



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The Faith of Abraham Lincoln

*Excerpts From His Writings
and Speeches*



BIBLE

In regard to this Great Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good Saviour gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong.—(Reply to committee presenting Bible, September 7, 1864.)

I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book upon reason that you can and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a better man.—(To Joshua F. Speed, 1864.)

I have read on my knees the story of Gethsemane, where the Son of God prayed in vain that the cup of bitterness might pass from Him. I am in the garden of Gethsemane now, and my cup of bitterness is full and overflowing.—(To Judge Joseph Gillespie, autumn of 1860.)

CHURCHES

The U. S. Government must not . . . undertake to run the churches. When an individual, in a church or out of it, becomes dangerous to the public interest, he must be checked; but let the churches, as such, take care of themselves.—(To General S. R. Curtis, January 2, 1863.)

DEITY

God selects His own instruments, and sometimes they are queer ones; for instance, he chose me to steer the ship through a great crisis.—(To James R. Gilmore, late May 1863.)

The purposes of the Almighty are perfect, and must prevail, though we erring mortals may fail to accurately perceive them in advance. We hoped for a happy termination of this terrible war long before this; but God knows best, and has ruled otherwise.—(To Mrs. Eliza Gurney, September 4, 1864.)

Whatever He designs, He will do for me yet. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord" is my text just now.—(To Joshua F. Speed, July 4, 1842.)

FAITH

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.—(Cooper Institute address, New York, February 27, 1860.)

LIBERTY

What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty
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O HI THE evangelist—it seems to me that I have heard of him. Oh, yes, I remember now. He came to our community some years ago. As a matter of fact, I was saved in his revival. I promised him I would always remember him and his work.”

No doubt there are many who could say the same thing today.

The evangelist is neglected, forsaken, and almost forgotten in these days. Yet his service is needed more than ever before. The future *success* and *life* of the church depends upon the work of evangelism. Some have referred to this minister of grace as being *just* an evangelist. This statement implies that he is in a low and undesirable position. He could, if he so desired, refer to the pastor as being *just his* baby sitter. When the Holy Ghost reported the five ranks of the ministry, He did not put the evangelist at the bottom of the list. Only the apostles and prophets are listed before the evangelist, followed by the pastors and teachers (Ephesians 4:11). Paul, an evangelist himself said, “I magnify my office.” Jesus was an evangelist, as well as some of the greatest men of all times.

I have served the church as sexton, choirmaster, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, exhorter, pastor, ordained elder, district bishop, state overseer, and as a member of the Supreme Council, but the greatest joy of my heart and the highest honor ever

conferred upon me was when God called me to the work of evangelism. Whatever I do and wherever I go, I have dedicated the rest of my life to the promotion of this good, worthy, honorable, and much neglected service.

My call to evangelism is more than conducting revivals. I want to write, teach, and advocate this work until the fires are rekindled and burn throughout the church. By this I mean to get every Jonah to forget about the good conveniences at Tarshish and to go down to Nineveh, start a revival, and get thousands saved; to persuade the Samsons who have lost their power to pray through, start a revival, and pull down the stronghold of the enemy as he did; to persuade men like Peter to face the opposition, weep and pray through, start a revival in the upper room or somewhere else, and get thousands saved as he did. To exalt this great work to the high level of the Bible standard two things are necessary. One is that the evangelist receive more recognition for his work's sake; the other is that the church recognize that the laborer is worthy of his reward. On every board and committee in state headquarters and in the general church, there should be at least one evangelist. To represent and honor evangelism, there should be one or more evangelists on programs to speak in every convention, camp meeting, and General Assembly.

When officials visit or pass through a community, they should not only visit the pastor with the largest church, but they should also visit or call the evangelist. These are little things but will encourage the evangelist and will serve to foster interest in others toward the field of evangelism.

The general attitude toward the *honor* and the *support* of the evangelist have, no doubt, kept many from this great harvest field.

A certain man (evangelist) went down from Jerusalem to Jericho to start a revival and fell in the hands of a pastor and members, and when he had reaped several nights, his wages were held back through fraud. He was left far behind in his debts. Then a certain high priest came and said, “Evangelist, what is this I hear about all your debts? Don't you know that the church requires all members, especially ministers, to pay their bills? If you don't take care of your debts, the board will have to revoke your license.” The poor evangelist was speechless. If he had spoken and told why he couldn't pay his debts, it would have hindered him from getting revivals. So he left the field and joined with Aquila and Priscilla in tent making until all bills were paid. The revival fire is still burning in his heart, so back to the field he goes.

I hope you won't say this is absurd, for I feel there is too much logic in it to be called an absurdity.

When the evangelist comes for a revival, the pastor should hold him in high esteem, not for the person's sake but, as Paul puts it, for his *work's* sake. The evangelist should be at his best, do his best, and stay in his place. As to the offering, the pastor should *do his best every night*. If the offering is only \$25, the evangelist should be happy. If the offering should be \$1000, he should receive every penny of it and the pastor should not be jealous. If the larger churches would do their best and not limit the evangelist, this would make it possible for him to go to the smaller churches.

After one church had given a good offering, on the last day of the revival they also took a love
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The EVANGELIST

By ALBERT H. BATTS, Evangelist

● An Effectual Feruent Prayer

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"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

DL. MOODY once gave the following story: *"The London Times* some years ago told the story of a petition that was being circulated for signatures. It was a time of great excitement, and this petition was intended to have great influence in the House of Lords; but there was one word left out. Instead of reading, 'We humbly beseech thee,' it read, 'We beseech thee.' So it was ruled out. My friend, if we want to make an appeal to the God in heaven, we must humble ourselves; and if we do humble ourselves before the Lord, we shall not be disappointed."

The lesson text, taken from James 5:16, tells us that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. We today can know from experience the truth of this Scripture. The God in whom we move and have our being is concerned about His children; He has never failed to answer the pleas of His people.

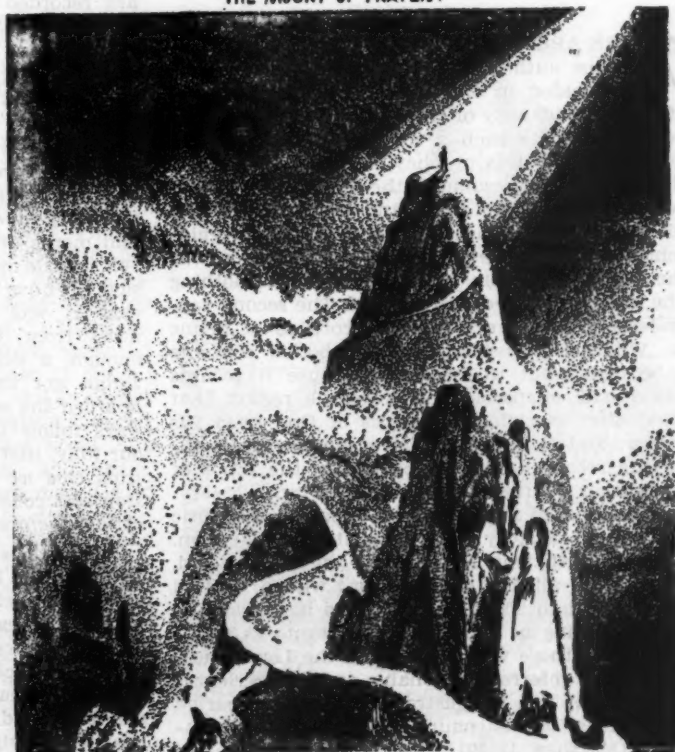
Let us take a look at the church at Jerusalem (Acts 12:1-16). James was killed by Herod and Peter had been seized and cast in prison. The church in Jerusalem did not go about spreading the news as gossip; they did not say, "Oh, that is what Peter deserved." Instead, they had such a love for God, for their neighbor, and for their brother that they began to send up unceasing prayers for Peter's deliverance. They were in one mind and one accord. The prayers they prayed reached the throne of God, and God sent an angel to deliver Peter. We may get to the place sometimes that we feel that we are bound by fetters. Perhaps we feel that the trials of life have over-

shadowed our lives, but God is still on the throne; we have access to that throne through the Son of God and He is always there when we call upon him in faith believing. Of a surety our Saviour can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities.

After the angel delivered Peter, he made his way to the home of Mary Mark where prayer was being sent up for him. After hearing Peter's knock, Rhoda opened the door and the people were surprised to see Peter standing at the door. After we make intercession to God for a brother, sister, or loved one, we are often amazed when God answers that prayer. Even though

we know God is able, we sometimes feel that we have to wait upon God to answer. But if we can remember the writing of the Apostle Paul when he said, "I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Our faith and trust in God does not have to waver; we can keep our eyes heavenward and our hearts lifted to God. Our souls will mount as the eagle by a consistent prayer life. Perhaps our prayers are not always answered the first day; we should not become discouraged. We should continue praying and trusting God, (Continued on page 10)

THE MOUNT OF PRAYER.



"CAUSE ME TO KNOW THE WAY WHEREIN I SHOULD WALK;
FOR I LIFT UP MY SOUL UNTO THEE." — Psalm 143:8

The Experience of Jonah

By JOHN HARE

THERE ARE TWO factors which seem to establish the authenticity of the book of Jonah to be included in the canon of Holy Scripture. The first is the identity of the author. Who but Jonah himself could write such a work? Who could relate the experiences of this prophet like himself? Or who could have given an account of the words of his prayer to God from the fish's belly, and of God's gracious and direct dealings with him? God's Spirit later guided Jonah to write this forthright confession of the prophet's grievous faults, although it reflects nothing but the greatest discredit on himself. The second factor is Israel's acceptance of the record as of divine origin. When we consider that the book's contents must be distasteful to Israelites because it records that God had compassion on a gentile nation that repented after receiving the words of God from His messenger, and that in spite of prejudice Israel included the record in the sacred canon, the proof of its inspiration is irresistible.

Some have asked if the book of Jonah is authentic history or just a story with a spiritual application. It should be sufficient answer that the Son of God, the Lord Jesus, alluded to the record with a twofold reference to Jonah. First he mentioned his preaching and the repenting of Nineveh's inhabitants as a solemn rebuke to those who heeded not the Lord's message. Then He referred to Jonah's awful experiences inside the great fish to illustrate to His hardhearted hearers the fact of His coming death, burial and resurrection (Matthew 12:39). The prophet Jonah! The casual reader of the book may see no prophecy therein. True, it differs greatly from that of Isaiah, Jeremiah

or Ezekiel, but it is prophecy nonetheless. Prophecy is not always foretelling of future events; it is often telling forth the message of God. Jonah had previously been used of God to give messages to Israel. (See 2 Kings 14, 25.) Now God would give Jonah the unique privilege of being the first to take God's words "far hence to the Gentiles."

Each of God's children should realize that it is an unspeakable honor and privilege to be called to witness for Him among men, a privilege not granted even to the angels. In us there is something for God, here in this present evil world. He may want to use it for His glory. We must always be alert to His commands and ready to be used, with Isaiah's words in our hearts, and on our lips, "Here am I, send me."

It has been said of many, "They made a good start, but finished up badly." The reverse was true in Jonah's case, for he made a very, very bad start, and did not finish so well either. The word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me." "But (and there are many *but's* in this book) Jonah rose up to flee . . . from the presence of the Lord." The unwilling prophet not only ran away from duty; he wilfully disobeyed a direct command from God. *Wilful disobedience to God is a most grievous sin, calling for severe judgment if repentance is not soon forthcoming.* These things are recorded for our admonition and warning. We may look with abhorrence on Jonah's example on this occasion, but let us see to it that we are not guilty of the same thing. Listen to Paul as he says with deep sincerity, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Paul's was indeed an example to emulate.

You may well ask, "Why Jonah's contemptible behavior?" Here was a patriotic Israelite and zealous nationalist who begrudged the Lord's message to the gentile people, because he knew that the goodness and mercy of God would be extended, even to Nineveh, should her people repent on receipt of the message from the Lord (Job 4:2). In any case it was vain and foolish to try to run away from God. (See Psalm 139.) Conveniently enough, a ship was about to sail from Joppa when Jonah got there. "He paid the fare thereof," and boarded the vessel bound for Tarshish. It does not always follow that because circumstances favor us in our folly, that all will be well. *If we are running away from God we are on dangerous ground, and we must stop and consider seriously the error and folly of our actions before it is forever too late.*

Jonah was soon to learn that God could outrun Him and that the Lord was at that moment making preparations to get him to Nineveh, where he did not wish to go. A great storm lashed the ship while Jonah slept complacently. He had refused "the still small voice" in which Isaiah found the Lord, but was to know that God speaks in more ways than one. The prophet's sin of disobedience had found him out. The heathen mariners knew that this was a visitation from Jehovah. They cast Jonah into the sea at his

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THE HORDE OF THE RED DRAGON

By RALPH E. NORTHRUP, Pastor-Evangelist

PART I

"And there appeared another wonder [sign] in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:3, 9).

THE TERM HORDE used in this article means multitude, pack, or mass. The HORDE of the RED DRAGON now numbers over two billion of the present nearly three billion world population, leaving only somewhat over four hundred million to be classified as Christians. Those under the spell of the RED DRAGON (the devil, Satan) will be divided under two factions—Communism and Roman Catholicism. At this time, we wish to invite your attention to the HORDE OF THE RED DRAGON amassed through Communism.

First, let us note the field in America that is open to the RED DRAGONS' thrust for control. The population of the United States now stands at 171,790,000. There are 256 religious bodies with 199,302 organizations in America, many of which are false. Of the 103,224,954 members of all churches, only 13,000,000 attend church regularly—58,448,000 Protestants, 33,396,000 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews, 2,226,000 Eastern Orthodox, and between 10 and 20 thousand Moslems. The FBI figures around 500,000 potential Communist spies in America, and at least 52 million would gladly accept communistic rule, should Soviet Russia gain control. According to late statistics, Soviet Russia now dominates over one-half the world. She has 20 million horses trained for war, and has a potential military strength of 40 million men (14 to 60 years of age). She produces 8,500 planes a year, including 6,000 jets; and claims many atom and hydrogen bombs. New York City, the largest city in America with more than 8 million population, has 1 million Russians, 750,000 negroes, 500,000 Irish, 500,000 Germans, 412,000 Poles, and thousands of other nationalities. New York City is 50 per cent Roman Catholic, and 33 per cent Jewish. There are 1,600 churches and less than 500,000 Protestants in the city.

In many places in America, vandals are damaging church furniture, pipe organs, and flags, ripping up Bibles, smearing dung and paint on drapes, demolish-

ing graves in cemeteries, especially where Jews and Negroes are buried, and writing on church walls:

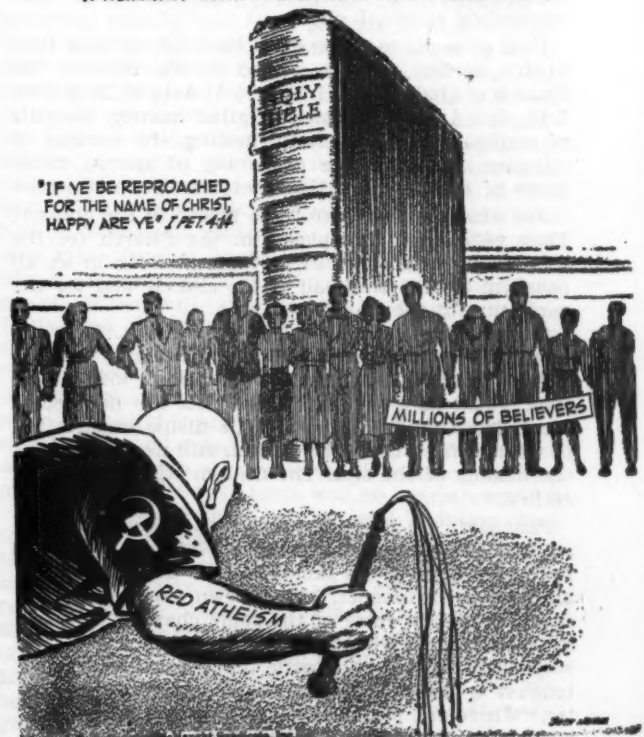
"I HATE JESUS."

Here are a few statements from the Communists' Protocol for World Conquest for 1956-57:

1. Continue to enlarge control over radio, TV, newspapers, movies, and magazines.
2. Make their schools and colleges training camps of Red revolution.
3. Bring ridicule upon their Christian faith, divide their people, weaken their churches.
4. Demoralize their men, women, and children.
5. Corrupt their courts, and bring them into contempt.
6. Turn class against class—the Negro against the white people.

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A HUMANITY CURTAIN GREATER THAN THE IRON CURTAIN





The Pentecostal Baptism

By **EARL P. PAULK**,
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CONCLUSION

When Tongues Shall Cease

The Apostle Paul endeavored to make matters clear concerning spiritual gifts. He desired us to understand so much that he said, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant" (1 Corinthians 12:1). He wanted no one left in the dark concerning spiritual gifts.

Paul gives us to understand that the all wise God, in his perfect wisdom, placed in his church (the Church of God—1 Cor. 1:1, 2, 15:9; Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:15; Gal. 1:13), nine spiritual gifts; namely, the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, the working of miracles, prophecy, the discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues, and the interpretation of tongues.

For what purpose were these placed in the church? They were given and placed in the Church for the purpose of enlightenment, to increase faith in an all powerful Christ, the Head of the church, and for the perfecting of the Church.

Then the question arises, and properly so, "Does the church today still need enlightenment and instruction?" We know the Church is not perfect today. Who then would dare say that these gifts are not necessary? The Church still needs the divine impartation of wisdom from God. The Church still needs faith for the healing of the sick. The Church still needs to be edified.

Paul said, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself" (1 Corinthians 14:4). He also said in the 5th verse of the same chapter, "I would that ye all spake with tongues." Of his own experience, Paul says in the 18th verse of the same chapter, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." The very last thing the Apostle Paul says concerning tongues is found in the 39th verse of the same chapter, "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues."

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:28, there are "diversities of tongues." In other words, Paul meant there are different kinds of tongues. For example: the Bible teaches us that speaking with other tongues (or languages) is the initial evidence of the Pentecostal baptism, and that there is also a gift of tongues, through which messages are conveyed to the congregation. This gift of tongues must be interpreted when used. 1 Corinthians 14:28 says, "But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God." Then there is a devotional tongue wherein one may communicate directly with God. This tongue is not to be interpreted, "for no man understandeth him" (1 Corinthians 14:2), "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth him; howbeit, in the spirit he speaketh mysteries."

Note: The apostle said, "No man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." Through and by this devotional tongue, man is speaking directly to God; and by so doing, the individual is edified. "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself" (1 Corinthians 14:4).

Some may say that tongues have ceased and are of no more benefit to the Church, but let us examine this in the light of the Bible. When shall tongues cease? Paul clearly says, "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away" (1 Corinthians 13:10).

When will that which is perfect come? It will come when the Lord Jesus returns and sets up His perfect kingdom. In teaching his disciples how to pray, He said, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Eventually, the millennium will be brought in and we all will have one language, and God's will will be carried out in the perfect kingdom. This will be after we have been glorified and have won the final victory. There will be no more need for the spiritual gifts.

We should remember that an act of disobedience and rebellion brought about the different languages in the first place. Gen 11:6, 7; "And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

And until disobedience and rebellion are taken out of the way, by the bringing in of God's perfect kingdom, different languages will continue.

To this, many outstanding theologians agree. For example: Dr. Matthew Henry, the great Presbyterian commentator says, "Prophecies must fail. That is either the prediction of things to come or the interpretation of Scriptures by immediate inspiration. Tongues shall cease. That is, the miraculous power of speaking languages without learning them. There will be but one language in heaven."

Dr. Clark, the Methodist commentator, says, "Prophecies shall fail. Whether the word implies future events, or teaching the truths of religion to men, all such shall soon be rendered useless. Though the accurate prophet and the eloquent, persuasive preacher be useful in their day, they shall not be always so; nor shall their gifts fit them for glory; nothing short of the love above described can fit a soul for the kingdom of God. Tongues shall cease. The miraculous gift of different languages, that also shall cease as being unnecessary. Knowledge shall vanish away. All human arts and sciences as being utterly useless in the eternal world, though so highly extolled and useful here."

Dr. Alexander MacLaren, D.D., Litt. D., says, "Tongues shall cease and the modes of utterance that belong to earth, and all that holds of them, will drop away, and be of no more use."

Dr. Charles John Ellicott says in his commentary, "Gifts are but the implements of the divine husbandry; graces are the seeds themselves. When the great harvest time comes, the instruments, however useful, will be cast aside altogether; the seeds will, by the very process of death, be transformed into blossoms and fruits, and in that perfected form remain for ever. That which is perfect. This verse shows, by the emphatic "then," that the time when the gifts shall cease is the end of this dispensation. The imperfect shall not cease until the perfect is brought in."

These great theologians agree that the gifts are to continue in the Church until the Lord comes to rapture His church and set up an eternal perfect kingdom.

Since the Day of Pentecost, speaking with other tongues has come down through all the ages. We read in *Sauer's History of the Christian Church*, volume 3, page 406, concerning the great reformer, Martin Luther, "Dr. Luther was a prophet, evangelist, speaker in tongues, and interpreter, in one person, endowed with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit." Also, we find in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, volume

22, page 282, "The gift of tongues and of their interpretation was not peculiar to the Christian Church. The same morbid and abnormal tongues and utterances recur in every Christian revival in every age. No one can argue with the authenticity of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. Therefore, we see that this Pentecostal baptism and speaking with other tongues have occurred in all Christian revivals.

I would like to call to the readers' attention the following statements from the works of T. J. McCrossan, former professor of Greek at the University of Manitoba, Canada: "Today hundreds of God's saints really speak with other tongues when baptized or filled with the Holy Ghost. Just as the hundred and twenty Galileans spake on the day of Pentecost. The writer, like scores of other theological students, was taught that the Holy Spirit never took possession of people's tongues today, or made them praise God in another language. 'This only happened in apostolic times,' our professors told us. However, we know that these honored teachers were mistaken. One night, after a great evangelistic meeting where scores had been saved, we saw the evangelist himself overcome by the power of God while in prayer, and heard him speak in Chinese. We recognized the language because we had so often heard it spoken; but God, in His goodness, had a Chinese Alliance missionary standing by our side, a man we knew, trusted and loved. He had been a Chinese missionary for over eighteen years. He whispered to us, 'He is praising God in the very Chinese dialect I preach in; he is speaking it perfectly, and oh, how he is praising the Lord Jesus.' He then interpreted sentence after sentence to us. It was indeed wonderful as we both knew that the evangelist was absolutely ignorant of the Chinese language. On another occasion we heard an American woman, when filled with the Holy Ghost, praise God in Norwegian. We knew it was either Norwegian or Swedish, for we had heard these languages so frequently in Minneapolis. However, our gracious Lord had a Norwegian gentleman standing by our side, who said, 'Brother McCrossan, I know this woman. She is an American and utterly ignorant of my language (Norwegian), and yet she is speaking it perfectly. And oh, sir, I have never heard anyone praise the Lord Jesus as she is doing! On another occasion we heard a person praising the Lord in perfect French, one who was utterly ignorant of that language. We have frequently heard young people both speak and sing in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance, singing with a voice so vastly superior to their own natural voice that there was no comparison."

Let no one say or think that we teach or believe that tongues is the greatest gift, for we certainly do not believe so. But we contend that this gift is available to Christians today, as all the other gifts of the Spirit, for they are to continue in the Church so long as the Church is waging its struggle in the battle against Satan and sin to bring in and bring about the perfect kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, where no gift will be necessary and there will be only one language, one color of skin, and one people for all the redeemed."

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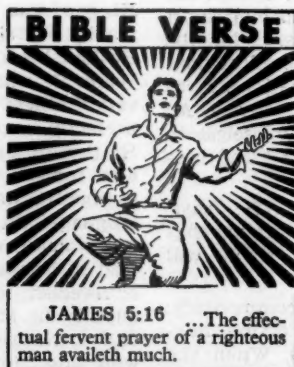
offering. It amounted to nearly \$400. When the committee counted it, they called the pastor over, and after counseling together, they called the state overseer. When he was told of their distress, the good overseer said, "That is quite an offering, considering you have already given the amount you thought was enough." Then he said, "Brethren, I don't know but two honest things you can do—either give the evangelist the love offering, or tell the people you think they gave too much and ask them to take part of it back." Thank God for that overseer! They gave the evangelist the offering and the love offering—all of it.

This same state overseer, while speaking on evangelism said, "When receiving an offering during a revival, every giver should be informed as to what the offering is for. Every penny given for the evangelist should be given to him. The ones who hold back any part given him, whether it be little or much, is as guilty before God as the man who goes into his neighbor's smokehouse and cuts down one of his hams."

In Romans 2:22, Paul said, "Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?" Jesus said, "Pack it down, heap it up, run it over." What do we say? "Too much money; slow down on the offerings; keep part of it in the treasury. Lord, You keep him humble, and we will keep him poor." In Malachi 3, we are told if we want (a revival) the windows of heaven open, bring the offerings as well as the tithes. In the tenth chapter of Acts, I can imagine God saying: "Cornelius, I see your alms have come up and I am reminded I promised to pour out blessings even more than you can receive. Send out and get your kinfolds and friends." When the evangelist came, he brought a party of six men besides himself. As he preached, the power fell and all who heard the Word were filled with the Holy Ghost.

The most incongruous, inconsistent, and unethical argument I have ever heard is that all evangelists should be on equal financial bases. The financial needs, talent and ability must be recognized if and when the work of evangelism is promoted to its rank and honor. Paul, in writing to Timothy, the evangelist, said, "Do the work of an evangelist." He also said, "Thou shalt not muzzle the (evangelist) ox that treadeth out the corn and the laborer is worthy of his (offering) reward." He further said, "If he labors in the Word and is capable of preaching doctrine, he should receive twice as much as others."

One pastor said that he believed in standing by the evangelist. He always gave him the amount equal to his salary. Now let us consider this statement. Suppose the pastor received \$100 cash each week



(Many pastors receive far more than that). He also lives in a parsonage which is furnished and has all utilities paid. The evangelist pays his own house rent or note, and all utilities. He has no stipulated salary, and many times no love offerings for camp meeting, Christmas, and the General Assembly. He also loses from six to sixteen weeks in the year. If he lost ten weeks at \$100 per week, it would amount to \$1000 each year. So the pastor who receives \$100 cash each week would have to give the evangelist about \$165 to make it equal the amount he received, taking into consideration the entire year.

One pastor, while taking an of-

fering for the evangelist, used the word *little* 27 times in 3 nights. Another pastor said, "Let's get this evangelist's offering out of the way so we can go on with the service." Another said, "It is time to take the offering for the evangelist. Do your best; remember that Friday night is dollar night." In a sense, he had said, "Don't give a dollar tonight; Friday is dollar night."

One night near the end of the week, the offering was very small. The pastor whispered to the evangelist, "Don't worry. We will do our best Sunday night." The evangelist whispered back to him, "Pastor, I do my best every night."

One pastor said, "If the evangelist would produce, he would be taken care of." Lazarus produced but instead of Dives' giving him a good meal, a hot bath, a new suit, and paying the first month's rent on the mission hall, he turned the dogs on him and drove him from his gate. I think I can hear Dives, the most wealthy member say, "If he were a God-called evangelist and would produce, he wouldn't always be begging for help." Lazarus went to heaven and Dives went to begging.

AN EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER

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believing that He will open the windows of heaven and bestow upon His children the blessings they desire.

Notice 1 Kings 18:42, 44. A drought had been in the land for some time, but God spoke to Elijah and told him to show himself to Ahab and He would send rain upon the earth. He immediately obeyed God. Elijah challenged Ahab concerning the sacrifice offered to God. Elijah's God consumed the sacrifice; then speaking to Ahab, Elijah said, "Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain." He went up to Mt. Carmel and cast himself upon the earth and sent his servant to look toward the sea. Elijah sent his servant six times; then he sent him the seventh time. The servant

came back and said to Elijah, "There ariseth a little cloud out of the sea like a man's hand." He did not answer the first time, but Elijah held on to God and after awhile God made the cloud visible. When we cannot seem to get an answer to prayer so soon as we think, we too can trust the God of Elijah. After awhile we will be able not only to see the hand of the Master, but we can feel it and have the assurance of complete victory. God will shower His blessings upon His servants in order that His kingdom might be glorified. When I think of the times we are living in, the sin that is abroad in the land, the men and women who have allowed their hearts to stray from God, I say we need more prayer warriors. We need more determined men like Elijah, more men to get upon their face before God. I fear lest too many of us have the attitude of a little boy I once heard about. He had been saying the same prayer for months; it was getting to be bore-some, so he decided to write it out and hang it over his bed. When he went to bed that night he said, "There it is, Lord, read it for yourself."

Daniel prayed for twenty-one days for the restoration of Jerusalem, but his prayer was hindered. Daniel held on and God sent an angel to deliver His message. Cornelius fasted and prayed until God heard his plea. Jacob wrestled all night before he got an answer from God.

When we approach God's throne for some desired blessing, we should search our hearts and our lives. Perhaps we have disobeyed God as Saul had done. There might be the sound of bleating sheep. Chances are that we may be acting like Achan, holding on to a wedge of gold. Maybe we have failed to pay our tithes. Say, which neighbor did we scorn only last night. I am persuaded to believe that when we go to God with a heart full of love, in a spirit of humility and an open mind, God will send that which we need.

God will answer our prayers—it may not be the first day nor the first week, but when our hearts are pure and clean and our souls

are in tune with the heavenly host, God will answer.

God spoke to Paul and Silas and led them to Philippi. There Paul cast a spirit of divination out of a damsel. Her masters, who became very wroth, took Paul and Silas to the magistrates and told them that Paul and Silas were causing much trouble in the city. They were beaten and cast in prison. About midnight they began to pray; God sent an earthquake and the stocks fell off every prisoner. God saved the jailer and his household.

When we have fully trusted God, obeyed his voice, and yielded into His hands, we shall have victory over our troubles and trials. When we do God's will, He will show His salvation to mankind.

When the pilgrims, Christian and Hopeful, were held fast in Doubting Castle, they were distressed. From Wednesday until Saturday, as John Bunyan tells us, they suffered sorely at the hands of Giant Despair. On Saturday, about midnight, they began to pray. A little before day, Christian broke out, "What a fool am I thus to lie in this stinking dungeon—I have a key in my bosom, called Promise, that will, I am persuaded, open any Lock in Doubting Castle." They used the key and gained freedom. The power that turns the key of God's promise is prayer. It will open all doors of difficulty. God invites His people to cast their burdens upon Him. God's promises are sufficient for any era of history. They are especially effectual for troubled times. We need not fear so long as we have prayer within our reach.

God told Hezekiah to set his house in order for he was going to die. Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and began to talk to God. God healed him and added fifteen years to his life. Truly we today can walk before God, keep His statutes, follow His footsteps, so that when we humbly call upon Him, He will not withhold anything from us. He will lend His ear to the cries of His chosen people in the hours of distress. He'll never leave nor forsake us. As it has been said, "The darkest hour is just before dawn."

Jonah disobeyed God and got into trouble, but when he repented and told God he would preach to Nineveh, God heard his prayer and delivered him. When we have tried to run from the call of God, we get into deep waters and burdens press us down. But when we become humble enough to sit at the feet of Jesus and let him tell us what to do instead of telling him what we intend to do, then can we claim every promise in God's Holy Word. We can bow our faces to God and lift our voices to the Most High because then our breast breaks out in singing as the birds. We can say in a meek and quiet spirit, "Master, I am thine and all of mine is thine."

A humble saint looks like a citizen of heaven. He is the most lovely professor who is the most lowly. As the incense smells the sweetest when it is beaten the smallest, so saints look fairest when they stay lowliest. The psalmist David tells us that a broken and contrite heart God will not despise; so when we approach the throne of grace in that spirit of humility, surely, we can pray the effectual fervent prayer!

HAND IN HAND

Parents, how wonderful it would be if our children could always face the difficult steps of life hand in hand with mother and dad; but too often our children grow up and walk alone. As much as we would like to, we cannot always be near when the road is steep and strange. We cannot always teach the lessons that have to be learned or answer the questions that have to be answered or dry the tears that have to be shed. But this we can do: we can give our children a strength that will always conquer fear, a truth that will always answer mysteries, a comfort that will always heal sorrow. We can bring our children to One who walks hand in hand with all, who loves and leads forever. That friend is Jesus!

Parents, the church is at our service in teaching our children the truth and faith that will become their most treasured possession, the church is the means Christ brings us and our little ones to Him.

—Mary E. McManus
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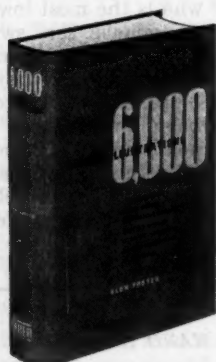
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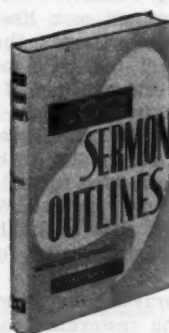
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THE EXPERIENCE OF JONAH

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request, and when the waves and the whale had swallowed him the sea became calm.

Jonah, in the fish, is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ in His death and burial, but what a tremendous contrast there was between this prophet and the Lord. Disobedience led Jonah down to the depths, while obedience to the Father's will characterized every step of God's beloved Son while on earth. Of Him the Father could say, "I am well pleased." Jesus did only those things that pleased the Father, and He could say, "The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me." Isaiah wrote of Him, "He had done no violence, neither was deceit in his mouth." His enemies could find no fault in Him at all.

While inside the great fish Jonah had ample time to repent of his great folly. He did repent and God showed him mercy when he had promised to pay his vows. *The wonderful mercy and gracious compassion of our God is infinitely wider than the sea from which He brought Jonah, and the more we dwell upon His goodness, the more we marvel that we should be made the objects of His great love. Surely the goodness of God that leads us to repentance should spur us on to renewed consecration and witness for Him.* Apparently Jonah in his helpless condition had taken consolation from the Psalms, which he could quote freely, and with them he expressed confidence in the power of God to deliver. He had learned his lesson. Disobedience, self-will and pride had been dealt with in no uncertain manner. The seeking sinner and the erring saint have both to learn this as they approach God. Peter learned this lesson after denying his Lord, and he wept bitterly, but Jesus gave special attention to him to show him He had not cast him off. He returned from his Pentecostal experience with fresh vigor and saw mighty results as God used him (Acts 2:4).

It was a different Jonah that was vomited on to dry land, but he was not completely perfected and sanctified, as we shall see. There are many types of the Lord Jesus in the Old Testament, but too often the type falls far short of the great antitype, for *who is like unto the Lord Jesus in true holiness of character? He is the perfect and just One, who brought only glory and honor to the Father.* His life was a sweet-smelling savor to God as He lived and moved among men. His spotless character was attested to by God the Father, by angels and men, and even by demons, as He cast them out of the tormented ones.

THE MORAL GLORY of the Lord Jesus shines out as a great beacon light against a background of flickering shadows and types of the dim past, and in Him we have the all-sufficient One who knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, because He has passed this way and opened up a highway before us so that we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper! Hallelujah to His wonderful name!"

We may notice that it is much-privileged man, the highest order of intelligence in God's creation from among all the rest, that dares to manifest rebellion

against the Lord. The great fish was obedient unto its Creator in taking up Jonah and bringing him safely to dry land again; Baalim's ass spoke its rebuke to its stubborn and self-willed master at the command of God. The untrained colt was subject to its Creator as it obediently carried the Lord through the noisy clamor of Jerusalem's streets; and when the Lord Jesus sought for money to pay the tribute due, that very fish with the money in its mouth caught at Peter's hook to satisfy the Master's wish. Even now, because of man's rebellion and sin, the "whole creation groaneth" and earnestly awaits "the manifestation of the sons of God" when every person and thing will be subject again to the will of God. We pray that that day is not far distant (Romans 8:19-22).

Jonah was again commissioned to go to Nineveh



with the stern warning of judgment. In grace the Lord allowed forty days for repentance to its inhabitants, but this greatly displeased the prophet. It was quite all right for God to be patient and merciful with backsliding Israel, but not with gentiles. The word of the Lord had free course here, for the people "believed God." and their king called for national repentance, himself setting the example. What national disasters would be averted and crooked ways straightened out if the present-day world rulers took a stand like that of Nineveh's king, and like that of Nebuchadnezzar, also. Truly, "righteousness exalteth a nation,

but sin is a reproach to any people." See what God requires of the nations in Jeremiah 18:7, 8. Israel had the unique privilege of being "God's people," but the sweet "whosoever" of the gospel today takes in all who show "repentance and faith toward God" through our Lord Jesus Christ, and makes all such people His people through grace. Jonah had never lost his real sense of relationship with God, but he was in a very unspiritual condition, and the last time we see him he is sulking and remonstrating with God because of mercy and compassion shown to Nineveh. Jonah had not really learned the qualities of "grace and truth" so manifested in the One of which he was a "type." Let us leave him to his sulking and complaining and feast our eyes upon the beautiful life and walk of the Lord Jesus and learn of Him and take for ourselves the example, too, of His servant Paul who could say, "I am ready to take the gospel to them that are at Rome also." As we learn valuable lessons from God's dealings with Jonah, meanwhile let us be as unlike that prophet as possible that we may be used of God according to His blessed will.

THE HORDE OF THE RED DRAGON

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7. Place key operators in key positions in government, army, navy, and air force.
8. Seek control of labor; agitate unrest, strikes, and violence by any means.

Nikita S. Khrushchev, Communist party leader in Moscow, on November 20, 1956, stated: "If we believed in the existence of God, He would be on the side of the Communists." "We will bury you," Khrushchev told the western diplomats at a reception at the Polish embassy.

Let us take into consideration also that Russia has 8,700,000 square miles of land area and 215,000,000 people. She dominates 4,000,000 more square miles of land area and 575,000,000 more people, making a total of approximately 790,000,000 people. Only 5 per cent of Russia's population are Communists; the rest are subjected through fear and force by the military power and the terrible secret police. Sixty per cent of Russia are Russians, although there are 165 different languages spoken in USSR. The national emblem is a star over sickle, through a hammer, on a red background. Note that red is the predominate color of USSR; even much of the clothing and furnishings have red throughout. In 1930, the Russians issued a postage stamp (14 Kopek) showing 4 horsemen coming from the north riding toward Palestine, as a cloud covering the land. Before World War II, Russia shipped pencils to Great Britain with these words on each: "GOG AND MAGOG," with a picture of a horseman. Russia has been referred to many times in the past and is known as "The Big Bear."

All this certainly brings to mind God's Word,

"And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority" (Revelation 13:2).

"And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes" (Ezekiel 38:15, 16).

Nikita S. Khrushchev, party chief, is a veteran Bolshevik and was companion to Stalin in 1917. One of the party's controlling powers in the United States is the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization directed by Julian Huxley and Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn (apostates). The actions of the Communist party are dictated by 14 men of the Politburo at the Kremlin in Moscow. (Under Lenin and Stalin, 22 million Christians and Jews were massacred.)

THE TIME IS NEARING when God will judge Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal (Ezekiel 38:2-6), and most of this battle will be fought around Palestine. Only one-sixth of Gog's forces will return to their homeland alive. Stalin (the name means *steel*), who is now dead, was born in Tiflis, capitol of Georgia, USSR; Georgia Malenkox, his successor for awhile, is also a Georgian, as well as the ones now in power.

Perhaps to better understand this line-up, let us refer to the Biblical history of God's Word. (Genesis 10:1-5) From the three sons of Noah came 70 nations: 26 through Shem, 30 through Ham, and 14 through Japheth, the first son (Genesis 10:21). From Shem came the Jews (Israelites) and kindred races; from Ham came the black race, or dark-skinned people; and from Japheth came the Europeans and the rest of the gentiles.

The gentile nations from the seven sons of Japheth are Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. From Gomer's son, Askenaz, came Germany. The Scythians or Slavs, including Russians, descended from Magog (Rosh). Magog's children settled in the Caucasus (originally Gog's Chasm) or Gog's Fort, less than 100 miles from the border of Iraq and Syria (Iran); Tubal (known as Thobites) settled in Turkey, Spain, and southern Russia, now known as Tobolsk; Meshech's children settled in western Russia now called Georgia and Tiflis, and Gomer finally settled in what is now known as the Crimea (near Black Sea of Azov).

Yes, the trail of the serpent (THE RED DRAGON) is snaking across the world. BEWARE, BE ALARMED, BE STIRRED, AWAKE TO GOD'S WORD, LOOK UP, REPENT, BE READY! Do not let this come upon you as a snare; do not be like the folks on board the great ship Titanic in 1912, who had 15 hours of

warning, but didn't heed the alarm until it was too late.

There is one thing all dictators have in common—history means nothing to them. When the iron curtain descends upon a victim nation, it subjects become vassals of the State. The State decrees and the subjects obey. Communism takes the place of constitutional government; the people's bill of rights and property rights become the State's rights. Under this evil system, you become a member of the brotherhood of Satan, a citizen of the world system that lieth in the lap of the wicked one, a fellow traveler in the society of the Godless, under the supreme power of the RED DRAGON.

Dr. Robert Pierce, Youth for Christ representative, reported that the Communists searched every house of the north Koreans, and if they found a Bible or a hymn book, the entire family in that house was murdered. Notice was sent that every Christian would be killed. An issue from the Kremlin not too long ago to their slaves, workers, and citizens, stated:

1. Never forget that the clergy are the bitterest foes of the Communist state.
2. Prevail upon your friends to avoid contacts with priests.
3. Beware of spies and tell the police about saboteurs.
4. Make sure that atheist publications are circulated among the people.
5. Wherever you can, fight religion and forestall any influence they might bear upon your comrades.

God has raised up and is raising up more deliverers in the land, but as a whole the masses are not heeding the cry of alarm. The RED DRAGON again is sweeping his tail and drawing HORDES with him. Church of God, awake, arise, and pray; read and know your Bible. Many minds are being poisoned (brain-washed), and hearts are being turned from the true and living God. Our predominate color is red, but it is the red of the blood of Jesus Christ, and the banner over us is love, not hate. True Communism and the RED DRAGON will lose the battle and go down to the pit in defeat, but before that day, millions will be deceived and the blood of millions slain shall dye the dust of the earth. You cannot be complacent about this. Enlist in the army of the King of Kings and march forward. As it was in Moses' day, the command is, "GO FORWARD."

This is not the Battle of Armageddon by any means, so do not confuse your minds on the matter. Check the Bible and know the truth.

Jesus is coming soon to gather to Himself those whom the heavenly Father has kept for Him. Are you in that number? "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

In our next article, "The Rome-Babylon Axis," we will discuss Roman Catholicism as the other faction which makes up the HORDE OF THE RED DRAGON.

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THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea coasts, the guns of our war steamers, or the strength of our gallant and disciplined army. These are not our reliance against a resumption of tyranny in our fair land. All of them may be turned against our liberties, without making us stronger or weaker for the struggle. Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in our bosoms. Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere. Destroy this spirit, and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your own doors.—(Speech, Edwardsville, September 11, 1858.)

RELIGION

That I am not a member of any Christian church, is true; but I have never denied the truth of the Scriptures; and I have never spoken with intentional disrespect of religion in general, or of any denomination of Christians in particular.—(Address to voters, July 31, 1846.)

On the face of Stone Mountain in Georgia the famous sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, carved out a great Confederate memorial. It is cut into an eight-hundred-foot wall of granite, and, in order to start his work, Borglum needed to throw on the face of that rock the outline of the figures of the marching men of the Confederate army. He tried one experiment after another, with no success. Then he constructed an enormous projection machine that weighed a ton. He anchored it eight hundred feet from the mountain, and from a slide three inches high, threw on the rock a clear picture two hundred feet high. No other machine like this has ever been made; with it the stonecutters had a scale and a plan. . . .

It is a parable of the church at work in the world. The piercing flame of the Spirit sends through the church a pattern of the kingdom of God on the hard, granite face of the world.—Frank S. Mead in *Tarbell's Teachers' Guide* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

General Booth, when informed in his advanced years that he would have to undergo eye surgery that held practically no hope of success, calmed the doctors and his daughter by saying, "I have served the Lord now for more than sixty years with these eyes, and from now on I shall continue to serve Him without them."—Edward W. Ulrich in *Streams of Healing* compiled by Lester R. Liles (Fleming H. Revell Company).

During the last war, the rose window in the great Rheims cathedral was shattered into bits by an indirect hit. The parishioners lovingly got down on their hands and knees to gather together all the tiny pieces of broken glass. When the war was over they hired the most skilled workmen available to rebuild it, piece by piece, from the gathered fragments. Today's rose window in Rheims is more beautiful than it ever was. So God can take our broken lives and reshape them as we pray, "Lord, please forgive my mistakes of this day."—Reuben K. Youngdahl in *Turbulent World, Tranquil God* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

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